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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: COMPLAINT THAT EMBASSY FAILING TO PROTECT
AMERICAN SEAMEN AND SHIPPING

1. AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HAS RELAYED TO US AN URGENT COMPLAINT BY ED MORRIS OF SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION (SIU) WHO ALLEGES THAT EMBASSY IS FAILING TO PERFORM ITS STATUTORY FUNCTION TO DISCHARGE A SEAMAN, IN THIS CASE CHIEF STEWARD FRANK COSTANGO CURRENTLY SERVING ABOARD THE LNG AQUARIUS NOW ANCHORED IN SINGAPORE HARBOR AND DUE TO DOCK SUNDAY (SINGAPORE TIME). SIU CLAIMS COSTANGO HAS A DRINKING PROBLEM WHICH IS ENDANGERING THE MISSION OF THE SHIP.

2. BILL LAMNECK OF THE ENERGY CORPORATION, OWNERS OF THE SHIP, CONFIRMS SIU STORY. HE STATES THAT EN-ROUTE FROM THE U.S. TO SINGAPORE THE SHIP STOPPED IN THE U.K. WHERE COSTANGO WENT ON A BINGE AND WAS UNABLE TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES. AT THAT TIME COSTANGO WAS GIVEN A WARNING.
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WHEN THE SHIP ARRIVED IN SINGAPORE, COSTANGO ALLEGEDLY AGAIN WENT ON A BINGE. THE COMPANY CLAIMS THAT IT HAS SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO DISCHARGE COSTANGO BUT THE EMBASSY

IS REFUSING TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTION. THE SIU CONCURS IN THE COMPANY'S DESIRE TO DISCHARGE COSTANGO AND ITS BELIEF THAT IT HAS SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO DO SO.

3. THE COMPANY HAS A REPLACEMENT STANDING BY IN THE U.S. READY TO FLY OUT AND REPLACE COSTANGO AND IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIM DO SO SOONEST.

4. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE EMBASSY WOULD MAKE AN EARLY REPORT ON THIS CASE SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE IN A POSITION TO ADVISE THE COMPANY. THE COMPANY OFFICIAL DEALING WITH THE MATTER IS BILL LAMNECK, ENERGY CORPORATION, 545 MADISON AVE., NEW YORK, N.Y. TEL: (212) 486-8745. HE STATES THAT THE COMPANY AGENT IN SINGAPORE IS A MR. SHARP. VANCE

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